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1. ARTICLE 342 HAS EXPERIENCED AN INTERMITTENT AND RELATIVELY MINOR COMPASS HEADING PROBLEM ON SEVERAL RECENT FLIGHTS. CORRECTIVE ACTION HAS BEEN TO CHANGE ALL COMPONENTS IN THE MA-1 SYSTEM AT LEAST ONCE WITH SOME PARTS CHANGED SEVERAL TIMES. SEVERAL GOOD FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BETWEEN PROBLEM FLIGHTS.

2. ON TEST FLT COMPLETED EARLY MORNING 24 JUNE, A COMPASS ERROR WAS AGAIN ENCOUNTERED. BELIEVE PROBLEM NOW PINPOINTED AS MAGNETIZED WING TIP CAUSING ERRATIC ACTION OF FLUS VALVE. CHANGING SYSTEM COMPONENTS, DEMAGNITIZING WING TIP, GROUND SWINGING COMPASS WITH SUBSEQUENT TEST FLT SCHEDULED AFTERNOON 24 JUNE FOR THOROUGH RE-CHECK OF COMPASS. AT THIS TIME DO NOT ANTICIPATE A DELAY IN SCHEDULED LAUNCH OF DF 62-5. WILL ADVISE IF PROBLEM NOT CLEARED UP AFTER NEXT TEST FLT.

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